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SUBJECT: EMBASSY LISBON'S DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBAN
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To commemorate the May 21 Day of Solidarity with the Cuban People, Embassy Lisbon will produce and post an opinion piece for distribution in local press and on the Embassy's public website. The local Cuban population is very small and the Portuguese government is unlikely to participate in any effort to publicly criticize the Cuban government at this time. Nevertheless, local press will be interested in picking up the topic, and it may spark some discussion between opinion writers. Post will also continue to underscore our concerns with MFA interlocutors, whom we will encourage to strengthen the EU's common position towards Cuba at the June review.
Stephenson